THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (e) Govt. of India, in consultation with its concerned Departments have issued an ad-hoc exemption order permitting Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) to import 2 million tonnes of coal for its thermal power stations at concessional import duty of 30% to maintain adequate stock of good quality of coal to ensure uninterrupted generation of power. Award of contract for import of coal is the prerogative of the State concerned.

DESU dues to Various Organisations

2013. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI MATANG SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of big industrial units and bulk consumers of electricity are in default and a huge amount of arrears against each of them remains to be recovered by DESU;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some consumers have gone to court and their cases are subjudice;

(d) if so, the details, number and amount in each case;

(e) whether DESU has the power to attach properties of defaulters including those who have gone to court; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons for not taking action to attach their properties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

जल विद्युत परियोजनाएं स्थापित करने हेतु ऋण प्राप्त किया जाना

2014 **श्री अजीत जोगी** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कतिपय जल विद्युत परियोजनाएं स्थापित करने हेतु विश्व बैंक से ऋण प्राप्त किया जा रहा है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितनी राशि का ऋण प्राप्त किया जा रहा है और उन राज्यों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं जहां पर ये परियोजनाएं स्थापित की जायेंगी ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू) :

(क) और (ख) कर्नाटक, केरल, हिमाचल प्रदेश तथा महाराष्ट्र की जल विद्युत परियोजनाओं के लिए विश्व बैंक द्वारा कुल 1651 मिलियन अमरीकी डालर ऋण की स्वीकृति प्रदान की गई थी।

Meter rent being charged by DESU

2015. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DESU has been issuing provisional electricity bills to consumers without any meter reading; including therein charges for some units of electricity, meter rent and the 2 per cent tax;

(b) whether it is also a fact that when the actual bill in accordance with meter reading is sent it again includes the meter rent already paid in the provisional bill whereas the other two amounts are subtracted; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons that DESU is charging the meter rent twice and what corrective steps are contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. The present rate of Electricity Tax is, however, 5% of the energy bill.

(b) Meter Rent already charged in the provisional bill is not included in the subsequent bill based on meter reading. However, appropriate action is taken by DESU to rectify the bill, if any error on